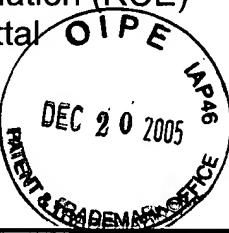


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<b>Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b> 		Application Number	09/304,787
		Filing Date	5/4/1999
		First Named Inventor	Evans et al.
		Art Unit	2684
		Examiner Name	Sobutka, P.
		Customer No.	25537
		Attorney Docket Number	COS98009

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

- i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

- b.  Enclosed

- i.  Amendment/Reply      iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)      iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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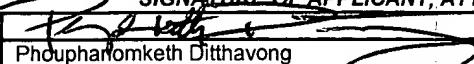
- i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)      12/21/2005 SSESHE1 00000037 132491 09304787  
ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)      01 FC:1801 790.00 DA  
iii.  Other Extra Claim Fee

- b.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

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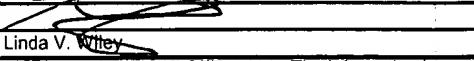
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# FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005

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- Deposit Account   Deposit Account Number: 13-2491   Deposit Account Name: MCI, Inc.  
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<b>Application Type</b>	<b>FILING FEES</b>		<b>SEARCH FEES</b>		<b>EXAMINATION FEES</b>		<b>Fees Paid (\$)</b>
	<b>Small Entity</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Small Entity</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Small Entity</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

<b>Small Entity</b>
Fee (\$)
50
25
200
100
360
180

Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent

Multiple dependent claims

<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>Extra Claims</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>	<b>Multiple Dependent Claims</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>
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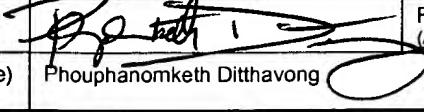
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**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other: Request for continued examination (RCE) \$ 790.00**SUBMITTED BY**

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